

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/692,927

Examiner

Phuong Phu

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed on 8/13/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11, 14, 15 and 18.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of _____
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to the RC E and Amendment filed on 8/13/07.

Accordingly, claims 11, 14, 15 and 18 are currently pending; and claims 1-10, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 19-30 are canceled.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. Claims 11, 14, 15 and 18 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

-Regarding independent claim 11, none of prior art of record teaches or suggests a turbo decoder, as claimed. The admitted prior art, previously cited, teaches the claimed turbo decoder except the difference is that the admitted prior art turbo decoder has a normalization unit provided between the output of the second SOVA decoding unit and the input of the first SOVA decoding unit whereas the claimed turbo decoder does not have such a normalization unit provided between the output of the second SOVA decoding unit and the input of the first SOVA decoding unit; and therefore, in this way, the complexity of claimed turbo decoder is reduced. It would not have been obvious for one skilled in the art to implement the admitted prior art turbo decoder in view of other prior art for leading such the implementation to the claimed invention.

-Regarding independent claim 15, none of prior art of record teaches or suggests a turbo decoding method, as claimed. The admitted prior art, previously cited, teaches the claimed turbo decoding method except the difference is that the admitted prior art turbo decoding method has a normalization unit provided between the output of the second SOVA decoding unit and the input of the first SOVA decoding unit whereas the claimed turbo decoding method does not have such a normalization unit provided between the output of the second SOVA decoding unit and the

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input of the first SOVA decoding unit; and therefore, in this way, the complexity of claimed turbo decoding method is reduced. It would not have been obvious for one skilled in the art to implement the admitted prior art turbo decoding method in view of other prior art for leading such the implementation to the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuong Phu whose telephone number is 571-272-3009. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 AM - 4:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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